

**MAYOR & COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF CARROLLTON  
APRIL 21, 2003  
MINUTES**

**Regular  
Council  
Meeting**

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 21, 2003 at 7:30 o'clock p.m. in the Court/Council Room, Public Safety Complex, and 115 West Center Street, Carrollton, Georgia. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pilgrim

**Roll Call**

There were present:

Mayor Gerald Pilgrim, presiding  
Councilmember Henry Dickerson  
Councilmember J. Carl Williamson, Jr.

Councilmember Gerald Byrd  
Councilmember Rusty Gray

**Invocation**

The Invocation was offered by Mayor Pilgrim.

**Minutes  
4/7/03**

Motion by Councilmember Byrd, seconded by Councilmember Gray to approve the minutes as previously circulated. Motion carried, unanimously.

**Special  
Guest**

Mayor Pilgrim recognized and welcomed Carrollton Boy Scout Troup 153 in attendance.

**Request for  
Special  
Exception**

Community Development Director, Tracy Dunnivant presented Ms. Debra Caswell's (owner of property located at 150 Sims Street) special request to permit a duplex in a Single Family Zoning District. Director Dunnivant noted the Planning Commission voted four to two in favor of the application with conditions. Those speaking unopposed: Frank Wilson and Susan Weldon. (Adjacent property owners.) Those speaking opposed: None. Following a brief discussion, motion by Councilmember Dickerson, seconded by Councilmember Gray to approve the special exception request with the following conditions:

1. The special exception would end upon transfer of ownership.
2. The natural (existing) barrier along the side and rear properties would remain intact.
3. If the small house on the rear of the property was ever destroyed, it could not be built back or replaced.

Motion carried, unanimously.

**Proposal to  
Ban  
Smoking in  
Local  
Restaurants**

Ms. Linda Baker, a State University of West Georgia Student and representative for a group of concerned citizens presented the Mayor and Council with facts and statistics of the danger of second hand smoke. Included in her presentation was a packet of information including the effect of smoking bans on revenues of restaurants. Ms. Baker stated she had spoken with a few of the local restaurant owners and most were receptive to the idea.

Several local restaurant owners were in attendance and stated they were opposed to such a proposal. Mayor Pilgrim assured everyone that a proposed ban on smoking in restaurants in Carrollton would be seriously considered before the adoption of such, adding that a Public Hearing would be held to hear input in regards to those proposing and opposing such an Ordinance. Mayor Pilgrim encouraged Ms. Baker to share her information with the local restaurant owners in attendance and to other restaurant owners as well.

**Interim City  
Manager  
Appointment**

Mayor Pilgrim announced that with the upcoming retirement of City Manager Danny Mabry, an Acting City Manager would need to be designated to fill the absence between City Manager Mabry's termination date of May 9, 2003 and the starting date of the new City Manager. Mayor Pilgrim recommended that the Council consider naming Fire Chief, Casey Coleman as Acting City Manager. Following a lengthy discussion, motion by Councilmember Byrd, seconded by Councilmember Gray to deny the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Chief Coleman Acting City Manager. Those voting in favor of the motion: Councilmembers Byrd and Gray. Those voting opposed to the motion: Councilmembers Dickerson and Williamson. Mayor Pilgrim broke the tie voting opposed to the motion. Motion failed.

Motion by Councilmember Dickerson, seconded by Councilmember Williamson to appoint Chief Coleman Acting City Manager. Those voting in favor of the motion: Councilmember Dickerson and Williamson. Those voting opposed to the motion: Councilmember Byrd and Gray. Mayor Pilgrim broke the tie voting in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

**Consideration  
of Public  
Safety  
Administrator  
Position**

Mayor Pilgrim requested the Council to consider the creation of a Public Safety Administrator. Mayor Pilgrim stated the position would have the overall responsibility for coordinating and overseeing the City's Public Safety administrative functions (Police, Fire, Haz-Mat, First Response, Emergency Management, Homeland Security, etc.) internally and externally. Mayor Pilgrim added that the job creation would not be a new position, but the enhancement of an existing position. The responsibilities would be assigned to an existing staff member once the detailed position description had been developed.

Councilmember Gray inquired to adding an additional level of management between the Public Safety Chiefs and the City Manager. Mayor Pilgrim responded that by making this organizational improvement in place now, it will improve the transition for the new City Manager and allow him/her to focus on addressing key issues facing the City. Following a brief discussion, motion by Councilmember Dickerson, seconded by Councilmember Williamson to table the request to consider the job creation of Public Safety Administrator until Human Resource Officer Libby Duke could develop a detailed job description. Those voting in favor of the motion: Councilmember Dickerson and Williamson. Those voting opposed to the motion: Councilmember Byrd and Gray. Mayor Pilgrim broke the tie voting in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

**Appointments**

Motion by Councilmember Dickerson, seconded by Councilmember Gray to appoint the following to the Carrollton Convention and Visitor's Bureau: Lodging Segment expiring June 2006 – Steve Redolfi, Hospitality Association Segment expiring June 2004 – Patricia Brown; State University of West Georgia Segment expiring June 2005 – Jerry Mock; At Large 1 Segment expiring June 2006 – Alana Schulenburg; At Large 2 Segment expiring June 2005 – Jane Story. Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was adjourned at 8:20 o'clock p.m.

Respectfully submitted by  
Libby R. Duke, Deputy Clerk